

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph on p. 3, line 15 beginning with “The present invention provides a melt spinning apparatus . . .” with the following:

The present invention provides a melt spinning apparatus for spinning continuous polymeric filaments including:

- (a) a spinneret having a plurality of capillaries;
- (b) a polymer delivery source which is arranged to communicate with said spinneret and deliver molten polymer therethrough to produce a continuously moving array of molten polymeric filaments corresponding to the arrangement of capillaries in the spinneret;
- (c) a quench zone positioned below said spinneret and arranged to receive and cool the array of molten filaments as they move therethrough by passing a cooling gas inward with respect to the array of moving filaments; and
- (d) a finish applicator positioned inside or below the quench zone to apply an amount of finishing liquid to the array, wherein said finish applicator comprises
 - (i) a base plate having a peripheral edge which corresponds to the cross-section of the array of moving molten filaments; and
 - (ii) a body portion having a top and bottom concentric therewith and connected to said base plate, wherein said bottom corresponds in shape to the shape defined by the peripheral edge of the base plate, and the surface formed by a plurality of lines drawn between said top and said bottom tapers outwardly with respect to the direction of movement of the filament array.